NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Trade and Industry

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Cosmetic products

5. Title: Decision of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on Cosmetic Products
   (available in Finnish and Swedish, 3 pages + Annexes 1-5 in Finnish, 37 pages)

6. Description of content: The proposal for the amendment of the regulations concerning cosmetic products conforms largely to the EC Directives relating to cosmetic products. A reform compared to the previous regulations is the inclusion of colours and certain vitamins among the controlled products. Provisions essentially differing from the EC regulations would be as follows:

   Preservatives (Annex 1)
   According to the proposal, formaldehyde would have to be declared from 0.01 per cent onwards. A warning ("Contains ...") would be required for the following substances: chlorhexidine and its gluconate, diacetate and dihydrochloride, 4-chloro-m-cresole, sorbic acid and triclosane. Kathon CG would be cancelled from the list of permitted preservatives. Glutaraldehyde would not be included in the list of permitted preservatives.

   Other substances allowed provisionally (Annex 4)
   Warning (to be printed on the label) would have to be inserted for lanoline and colophony rosin as well as for mixtures containing cetyl and stearyl alcohol. For vitamins, the procedure established in Switzerland would be adopted for use. The use of vitamins D2 and D3 would continue to be prohibited. The prohibition relating to the use of phenol and methanol for cosmetic products would also continue to apply.

   Substances whose use in cosmetic products is prohibited (Annex 5)
   The use of Peru balsam, which has served as a fragrance, would be prohibited.
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